

München 16 Sept. 1869

To Mr. Jervis R. Almond.

My dear Sir!

"Ah!"

Was my exclamation of glad surprise yesterday, when upon coming home and entering my room I saw the beautiful bouquet which, in a beautiful vase had been placed on my writing desk. I instantly guessed ~~the~~ who was the giver. Let me now thank him most sincerely for this fresh proof of his amiable disposition and his chivalric American spirit; it has given and gives me a very sweet remembrance of the benevolence and the flowers of the blessed New World. Let me also thank you for the true and unexpected pleasure



that I derived from our  
meeting the day before yester-  
day and your views upon the  
present great crisis going on  
in your land. It is delight full  
to find sympathy in such vital  
and heart stirring questions. I  
cannot but believe, with you,  
that this war is providential  
and after its work is done  
its woes are passed will  
serve as a baptism ~~of these~~ <sup>for a</sup>  
new and higher life. A bath-  
ing of blood - true and terrible  
it is. But the grace of God will  
turn the very wounds to eyes  
with which to see his will to  
fountains of sympathy and charity.  
God bless America! My heart  
is there, now more than ever,  
and now I more young I would  
be there soul and body and mix  
among those who take care of  
the wounded and sick!

But I am old, and shall hence-  
by and more cross the At-  
lantic expanse with my thoughts  
and warm wishes. Farewell,  
If we meet again, I shall  
be glad of it, if not, think  
of one who follows you  
with best wishes for your  
well fare, think of me  
as of an old friend!

Frederick Bremer



To Mr James L. Howard.

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